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1. In late November T'UNG Tai-yuan (鄧代遠), Minister of Railways, accompanied by Cha-kan-ta-ya-fu, a Soviet expert, and personnel from the Traffic, Machinery, and Engineering Sections of the Ministry, left Peiping to inspect railroads in Northwest China. The group was joined by officials of the Northwest Military and Administrative District in Sian. The itinerary was as follows:

- a. Peiping to Chenghsien (113-40, 34-45).
- b. Chenghsien to Sian (108-54, 34-16).
- c. Sian to T'ienhsui (105-28, 34-36).
- d. T'ienhsui to T'ungkuan (110-09, 34-40).
- e. T'ungkuan to Taiyuan (112-30, 37-42).
- f. Taiyuan to Shihchiachuang (114-28, 38-02).
- g. Shihchiachuang to Peiping.

2. The mission of the group was to:

- a. Inspect the progress of engineering work on the T'ienhsui-Lanchou line.
- b. Make a study of engineering problems involved in linking Lanchou to Sinkiang by rail.
- c. Inspect the capacity of the Lunghai and the Peiping-Hankow Railroads, the actual condition of the roads and of the repairs being made to roadbeds and bridges.
- d. Inspect railroad shops at Taiyuan and Shihchiachuang.

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